

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4632
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2008
PENDING INCOME TAX CASES
Mondal Shri Abu Ayes

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether thousands of applications/ petitions are pending before various Income Tax Appellate Tribunals throughout the country;
- (b) If so, the details for each of the last three years; and
- (c) The action being taken to expedite the process?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K.VENKATAPATHY)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Statement showing details of pendency as such before various Benches of the Tribunal for the last three years is appended herewith as Annexure 'A'.

(c) At the end of the year 2002-03 there was pendency of 180666 appeals, which has now been brought down to 70832 appeals as on 01.04.2008. Apart from disposal of the appeals instituted during the respective years, appeals were disposed of expeditiously by bunching of identical issues, by undertaking special drives for disposal of small and covered issues by fixing special benches of senior Members to deal with complicated and complex issues and by attempting to run all the Benches and also by keeping proper administrative control and monitoring the performance of the Members. The aforesaid steps are being taken in greater vigour presently so as to further bring down the pendency of Appeals with the Tribunal.